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Shortage of work, computer course cut

Federally purchased seats in Niagara College's 64-week non-semestered computer programmer program, taught at the main campus, will be dropped from the 1985-86 school year, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Miss Robarts said graduates from the program, which is just two years old, "aren't getting jobs."

A number of seats, totally separate from Education Minister Keith Norton's recently released report of grant increases, will be cut from Welland Vale's welding-fitter and drafting programs. A bricklaying course will be dropped altogether.

Miss Robarts said the government will be "leaning more heavily towards the welding technician program. They're going for more high-tech programs now."

'Don't panic now' over 2% increase

By DEREK M. LACEY
Staff Writer

Niagara College "may only get a two per cent" increase in provincial funding for the 1985-86 school year, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. However, "we don't want to panic now."

Miss Robarts was commenting on a report by Education Minister Keith Norton, which said Ontario's 22 community colleges will receive a 5.2 per cent increase in "operating support." The report came out March 7.

In addition, the report said that tuition fees for Ontario's 100,000 students will increase by 5.2 per cent, raising the standard tuition fee to $573 for 1985-86.

The reason for Niagara's lower percentage of provincial grants is attributed to "lower enrolment figures two years ago" and slower overall growth as compared to other Ontario colleges.

The grants, which "only apply to post-secondary credit courses," are based on the government's recently announced three-per-cent guidelines for public sector wages.

FOR EVERYTHING

Miss Robarts said the college was "working on a budget based on a four per cent increase" in funding, which subtracting the three per cent guideline for salaries, would leave the college one per cent "to do everything else with."

With 80 per cent of the college's almost $30 million budget going to salaries, Miss Robarts is "really concerned" about replacement of equipment and renovations to the college. "We won't be buying much in the way of new pieces of equipment."

While the exact figures are not known, college treasurer Gary LaRose, said, "I suppose it (the grant increase) could be lower" than the two per cent. But "we won't be closing our doors." The college "has other sources of revenue which come in."

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Four day vacation

All day classes for Niagara College post-secondary students will be cancelled on easter Monday, April 8. The move is to provide students with a four-day weekend break.

Niagara College president Jacqueline Robarts said she "hopes that this will give students renewed energy to face the last few weeks of the school year."

The extra day, which was to make up for the lost Reading Week resulting from the October teachers' strike, will not apply to programs sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre or to tuition-short (Adult training students who pay their own fees) program students. Continuing education classes will also run as usual.

work as usual on April 8 for any students who are seeking help.

Recommend programmer

The recommendation to hire a full-time activities programmer was passed "in principle" during a meeting of the Student Administrative Council members last week, although there "may be some slight changes" in the constitution regarding job descriptions for the 1985-86 SAC, Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, said.

SAC decided to go ahead with the recommendation to hire a full-time activities programmer because it offered "more benefits" than having the elected president work full time during the summer, Susan said.

Susan said SAC president John Turner and vice-president Steve Gill were to meet with the college administration last Friday to talk about possible changes in the constitution before the annual SAC general meeting which will be held tomorrow at 12:15 p.m.in the Hamilton Room.

The general meeting will provide information to those interested in a position on SAC for the 1985-86 school year, Susan said. Nominations will be taken at the SAC office between March 18 and 22.

Chinese visitors

A delegation from the government of the Chinese province of Jilin, who were visiting Brock University, came to Niagara College last Friday. Ms. Cu, Dr. Gordon Chen, Mr. Ma, Mr. Chu and Nicole Vigeant were on the tour of the college. The group was the first of three from China which will visit Niagara in the next few months. See page 3 for story.

Photo by Rene McKnight

RTV broadcasts Games

Second and third-year radio television students were brought into homes all over Ontario this past weekend.

Thirty students covered the Ontario Winter Games held in St. Catharines and their broadcasts went by satellite all over the province.

RTV co-ordinator Larry Taylor said five news crews covered the events.

The telecast was to have been broadcast on Global, but plans were changed because of President Reagan's visit. Telecast Canada provided the satellite uplink, Mr. Taylor said.

"Basically, the college set up, ran the media centre and arranged the satellite coverage," he said. He knows of no other college students who have attempted such a feat. "It will give them a chance to actually work in the field."

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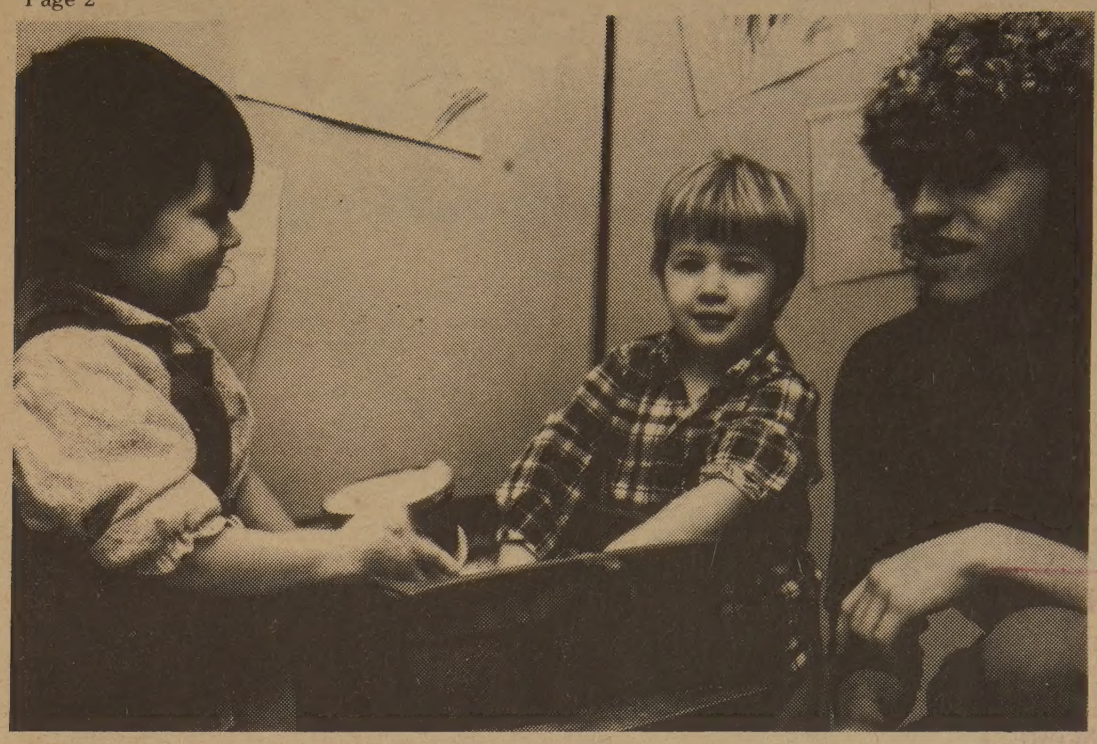

Who needs a dishwasher?

Little children love to play in dirt and in water. They are learning while they play. They learn the fine motor skills and hand and eye co-ordination. These are both essential to pre-school reading readiness and language abilities.

It seems like a good idea to start them off young to also learn the responsibility of shared domestic duties. Maybe this kind of training could lower the divorce rate. Rich Parry, a first year early childhood education student, oversees the operation, making sure no one gets too wet.

These children are too young to understand the importance of what they are doing. They just enjoy a good splash.

Achieve assertiveness without new enemies

Being assertive doesn't necessarily mean being aggressive. People can achieve their goals without pushing and shoving and making enemies, but rather with the right combination of self-confidence, ambition and drive.

Insight into assertiveness, the key to self-fulfilment will be provided at an assertiveness training seminar by Heather Kilty, a graduate of the social services program at Niagara College and a former member of the Board of Governors.

The seminar will be held Thursday, March 28 at 12:10 p.m. in L-2 and is sponsered by Bette Ferguson, Women's adviser to the college, and Affirmative Action. All female staff and students are invited to attend, and according to Mary Farrar of the Niagara College career library, "men are welcome too."

"We're expecting a fairly good response," she said. Questionnaires sent to female staff at the college revealed a strong desire for this type of lecture, along with communication skills and stress. "Assertiveness training was on top."

Ms. Kilty is well known at the college and in the community as a person of insight, witty and enthusiastic speaker.

Anyone interested in attending the assertiveness training seminar is asked to call Mary Farrar at extention 769 before March 26. It's never too late to change.

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Jackie

Mr. LaRose said the federal government has "done simulations" on the figures and he hopes to hear in a few weeks what the actual figures will be. Grant increases could range anywhere "from one to 12 or 13 per cent" depending on the college, its enrolment figures and growth.

Miss Robarts is expecting the capital allocations in 10 days to two weeks.

There was a meeting of the President's Executive Council on March 14 and there will be a budget meeting in two weeks.

Voulez-vous apprendre l'art de la conversation ?

By CREG GRIBBLE
Staff Writer

French programs at Niagara in continuing education have grown from four levels to nine levels with 11 classes and from 60 to 387 students since 1982.

Nicole Vigeant, administrator of French language Services, said "Dedication from both teachers and students is the main reason behind the success of these programs," and they work well. French is also taught to full-time day students, but the numbers of classes have remained the same, three levels with a total of about 60 students.

Since 1979, Niagara has been one of six bilingual colleges in Ontario. It offers two French services, French as a Second Language, using the Francais International textbooks, after changing from Allons Bi Bi in 1982, and the other French Mother Tongue, offered since 1979.

Awareness

"In Canada everywhere, there is an awareness of French," Ms. Vigeant said. "Immersion programs have mushroomed everywhere and there is a great interest in French."

French as a Second Language is usually offered to English-speaking students, putting an emphasis on learning to speak, while French Mother Tongue teaches certain programs in a half French and half English atmosphere. Ms. Vigeant said "the trend and quality of the program will get more people interested" and allow the program to continue to grow.

The original French program, Allons Bi Bi, had been offered at the college since 1968. This was made up of only four levels and was not nearly as extensive as the new program. The old method taught students from several books but did not cover as much material.

The new program begins with basic French and works up to more difficult stages. Those graduating from all nine levels receive a certificate of French language competency. The dropout rate during the first three levels is high, but all nine levels are "fluent for most situations," Ms. Vigeant said. They adapt very easily in a French community although it would probably take a little longer to fit into an employment situation.

Joining the French program – at least in continuing education – is different from other programs; It's done by telephone.

Niagara is one of the few colleges categorizing students by telephone testing. Students must complete a French dialogue test with somebody from the French languages Services Department. Questions are asked, 10 per level, until the students do not know any more answers.

"Most are intimidated by having to be tested over the phone, three out of four request that they be allowed to call back," Ms. Vigeant said. "I don't mind that; it's an unusual way of testing."

After the test, the teacher can determine the approriate level of instruction for each student. This approach has proven to be economical and more efficient by allowing a greater number of people to be tested in less time while also providing a fairer method of grading. By telephone testing, the teacher does not give away answers to questions through movements or expressions.

Feedback

French Mother Tongue, for those coming from a French background, offers three full-time day programs and two other courses through the Canada Employment Centre, formerly known as Manpower. "Generally speaking, the feedback has been positive but the French population was not accustomed to seeing Niagara College involved this way," Ms. Vigeant said. This bilingual program teaches 60 students in three programs, Bilingual Secretary, Early Childhood Education snd Tourism, while programs purchased by the Canada Employment Centre teach an additional 30 people in welding and New Path. This course is designed to help women direct their goals in choosing a career. Ms. Vigeant said programs are booming and the CEC is considering buying more courses.

Niagara has the fewest programs of the six bilingual institutions, Algonquin, Cambrian, Canadore, Northern and St. Lawrence. At most of the others, programs offered in English are also offered in French. Among them all, 2,500 full-time day students are taking their post-secondary education in French, Ms. Vigeant said.

Niagara also offers other interesting courses in French, through continuing education. Although these classes are usually smaller in number than those taught in English, between 10 and 12 people per class, they reach the French community, teaching interesting topics ranging from macrame to accounting.

With the dedication of the teachers and the determination of the students, the road to becoming bilingual is only a phone call away.

TAKE ACTION ON OVER-DRINKING.

"I like the taste of a cold beer on a hot day, but I certainly don't think you have to get the gang together with a couple of cases of beer just to celebrate the fact you've had a bit of exercise."

JOHN WOOD
OLYMPIC SILVER MEDALLIST

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MARGARET HAMILTON

ECE teacher retires, buys day care centre

By SHAUN SMITH
Staff Writer

Children have always been an important part of Margaret Hamilton's life and that will not change when she retires as co-ordinator of the Early Childhood Education program in August. With the help of her daughter, Heather Valvasori, she plans to run a day care centre she purchased in St. Catharines.

Mrs. Hamilton is retiring for several reasons, but the most important, she said, is to spend more time with her husband, Joe. He has been retired from his position as general manager of St. Catharines Transit for three years and Mrs. Hamilton said she feels she owes him some time. He was always very supportive of her career, she said, and it was always him she neglected when their four children were growing up.

The program, which she started, is "well established and has a well trained staff," she said. She feels the program will carry on in much the same way as it has for the past 16 years.

"Children have always been a part of my life."

Experience

Before coming to the college in 1968, Mrs. Hamilton had a great deal of experience as an early childhood educator. She received her early childhood education training through the Institute of Child Study in Hamilton and taught at half-day co-operative nursery schools in St. Catharines.

In the early 1960s, Mrs. Hamilton started the Winnifred Cropper Day Care Centre, now the St. Catharines Day Care Centre. As a member of the college's Early Childhood Education advisory committee in 1967, she set up the program and became the co-ordinator in 1968.

While teaching at the college, Mrs. Hamilton continued to expand her education in the field. She started studying for her master's degree at Buffalo State University in 1976, taking night classes, and graduated in 1978.

The Early Childhood Education Centre at the college is open to the public and is also used by college staff who want their children educated as well as cared for during the day. The staff at the centre are all graduates of the college's program and some members have worked there for 10 years.

The centre offers half-day care and full-day care. Morning classes run from 9 a.m. to 11:30 and afternoon classes begin at 1 p.m. and end at 3:30. Full-day classes run from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and include a hot meal at noon, and mid-morning and mid-afternoon snacks.

Courses in the two-year program include liberal studies and specialist courses plus 500 hours of practical work with 110 children, aged three months to six years. The first year is taught in the Early Childhood Centre.

Second-year students are placed in licensed centres and kindergartens with the help of school boards.

Jobs available

Mrs. Hamilton said job opportunities for graduates are good. There are always openings in day care centres, nursery schools, centres for exceptional children and hospital playrooms.

Despite good job opportunities, the pay as an early childhood educator is poor and does not reflect the responsibilities involved, Mrs. Hamilton said. People in the field have to have a love of children before they enter it, she said.

A replacement for Mrs. Hamilton has not been chosen yet but there is a plan to have a centre manager and a program co-ordinator. Mrs. Hamilton has been doing both jobs but the program has grown so much that the job is too much for one person.

"I'll miss the staff and students and the routine of coming into work each day," Mrs. Hamilton said, but added that she will enjoy having more freedom when she retires. She said her colleagues have been very supportive of her work and "no one looked over my shoulder."

She will leave "feeling satisfied" with what she has accomplished in the program. When she begins work at her own day care centre, she will pick up where she left off at the college – working with the children she loves so much.

Squeak! College house for mouse

Are rodents running rampant at Niagara College? Well, not really, but there is at least one mouse wandering the crevices of the Simcoe Building.

A report of a mouse-sighting by a second-year journalism student has been backed by eyewitness reports of other students and teachers. A tiny invader has been in a light fixture in S211, in the fashion arts studio and in the English Department, S105. It has not been established if it is the same culprit.

Jack Spittle, director of plant and property, said it isn't the first time mice have appeared at the college. They come in during the winter and are attracted by food often left in students' locker's. Traps have been set by maintenence staff in the fashion arts area.

A mouse was seen in the office of fashion arts instructor Maura Hamill, March 7. A sighting took place in S211 by students the next day. Marie Lynch, co-ordinator of fashion arts, said, "our concerns is the fabric we have here." Replacing the yards of material, if they were damaged by mice, would be expensive, she said. Students in fashion arts are no longer allowed to eat inside the area.

College impresses Chinese delegates

By RENE MCKNIGHT
Staff Writer

Three people from the northeasten Chinese province of Jilin were impressed by Niagara's modernization and the availability of the college's computer and electronics equipment.

The visitors, who are interested in the development of education and technology in China, toured the robotics lab, saw computer-controlled robots and visited the electronics department Friday, March 8. The tour also included a visit to the radio television department of the college. Brock University was host to the group during their visit to the Niagara peninsula.

The Chinese, Ms. Gu, vice-president of the provincial bureau for high education; Mr. Ma, director of the foreign affairs office; and Mr. Chu, deputy director of higher education; were given a brief overview of the Canadian college system and Niagara College by Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services.

CO-OPERATE IN FUTURE

Glen Irons, a Brock University professor, was on the three-hour tour. A Brock student, along with the college's three Chinese students, acted as interpreters.

Mr. Irons was impressed by the college's reception and was interested in collaboration between the college and univeresity for future projects, Nicole Vigeant, administrator of international affairs, said.

"They [Brock] receive a lot of requests from developing countries that wish to have students trained as technology teachers," Ms. Vigeant said. "Brock can give instruction in teaching but not in technology."

"We get some requests for training students but in the future there will be less because they [countries sending students] are sending fewer and letting them train their students," she said.

"I'm pleased with the way the tour went; they seemed quite impressed by computers and took note of the number the college had," Ms. Vigeant said. "They kept asking the prices and seemed surprised that a college would have such sophisticated equipment."

The delegation was the first of three which will visit the college in the next few months. On April 1 a group representing the Chinese ministry of foreign economic relations and trade will tour the school and on April 19 a delegation will visit from Hunan province, from which a group visited Niagara last year.

Surprise attacks

Wen-do women fight back; course teaches self-defence

By SHIRLEY LEREVEREND
Staff Writer

The young woman's eyes blazed. Her face was flushed as she slashed at the pillow I held for her. She hit across with the side of her stiffened hand, right and left and right again.

The young woman had ben sexually attacked twice. She aimed a fast in-and-out kick at the running shoe in my hand. She hit, dead-on, a blow meant to shatter a kneecap

First lesson

It was her, and my, first lesson in Wen-do, an amalgam of oriental martial arts designed specifically for women. The 12-hour course in self-defence was offered in Niagara Falls this winter.

"There are not that many really big men out there," instructor Donna Christie said. "We all imagine some huge guy filling up the doorway. Take a good look around tomorrow — you'll find most men aren't that much bigger than you are."

Men's upper bodies, their shoulder, arm and chest muscles, have more strength; women have stronger legs, she said. With feet firmly planted and knees bent for stability, 12 women were taught quick, brutal kicks.

"Wen-do is not magic," but it does give women a choice, Ms. Christie said. Women can choose to avoid attacks by "not looking like a victim" or bluff a way out. They can retaliate with "soft" Wen-do to disable, or "hard" Wen-do to permanently maim.

The women, who ranged in age from teen to grandmother, sat in a circle on the floor to discuss their reasons for learning Wen-do. Two younger women were there because they expected to have careers in law enforcement. For one middle-aged woman, the need was more immediate. "I am afraid of my husband," she said. "I have to learn how to defend myself."

Quiet victims

Surprise is a woman's greatest defence against attacks from men — and from women, too, Ms. Christie pointed out.

Women are expected to be nice, quiet victims. Eye-to-eye contact or a yell straight from the belly can change a would-be attacker's mind.

"Listen to your gut reaction." If a woman senses something is wrong, she is probably right, Ms. Christie said.

"Do anything you can think of." One woman walked right into a lighted house when she realized she was being followed. Another sat down on the curb and let saliva drool from her mouth in a pretence of madness.

The important thing is that they got away, Ms. Christie said. Each break-away move in Wen-do is immediately followed through with an attack using an elbow, knee or fist. The aim is to get away.

Call police

Wen-do attacks to the face, shin or groin are soft, and only disable. Hard Wen-do will cause permanent damage — a kneecap cannot be replaced.

At the end of the 2½-hour session, Ms. Christie told us what to do after an attack: call police to let them know a man has been wounded and where he is.

"Then call the newspapers. Tell them a woman has been successful."

Kim Mitchell to play April 17

Canadian rocker Kim Mitchell will perform for Niagara College students at the April 17 pub, and negotiations for Cowan are now under way for the Year End Bash, Jenifer Swiercz, social convener, said.

Ticket prices will be announced later.

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EDITORIALS

Men worth more?

International Women's week has drawn to a close.

The most temperate issue dragged over the coals – last week it was Winnipeg's turn – is the demand for equal pay for equal work.

Should members of the "weaker sex" – a term from Roget's – actually perform equal work, they do not have the spending requirements of their male counterparts.

How many women have bypassed purchasing a new dress to buy a socket set, a standard possession of the male species that on the average runs about $55?

Not too many, concluded a recent survey conducted by yours truly. In fact, none at all.

With the following responses: "A what?" "No, I don't like to get my hands dirty," or "No, but my brother does," the situation seems unlikely to improve. This on the heels on Women's Weak.

By some unwritten law, men are assumed to have in their ownership basic tools and the knowledge to employ them in readiment for a woman's beckoning. However, this is not an excuse for a man's wardrobe to wane.

Which brings another point. Men's clothes outprice ladies' wear. Between the man's everyday jacket-pant combination versus a dress, there is no comparison. That doesn't include a shirt and tie. Does a woman's clothing store without the word SALE displayed out front exist?

Men are expected to look their best when taking a lady on a date, dinner for example. Notice it is the man taking a lady our for dinner. Women say they would gladly spring for dinner. Where are they all? When was the last time a woman asked you to dinner and paid?

Men are expected to dole out while Ms. deposits her salary in the bank with Mr. holding the door open for her.

Women should enjoy the privilege of having men pamper them and cater to them.

John Perkins

Better times ahead

The past several years have not been easy ones for Canada and its people. We have seen our dollar plummet, precious jobs disappear and a genuine sense of despair take root.

The recent hard times have been reflected in our attitudes. We no longer are willing to take chances or make sacrifices that would enable us to bounce back; instead we mope and complain rather than pulling ourselves up.

The promise of freedom and prosperity the new land held for our forebears and millions of immigrants has given way to negative attitudes.

These people made sacrifices that made our country strong and a model of Western society. From a barren land, they carved out one of the most industrialized countries in the world in slightly more than 100 years.

Once our freedom was obtained our ancestors made sure it would be ours forever, as thousands made the supreme sacrifice against oppression and tyranny in two wars to protect our liberty.

The sacrifices that lie ahead of us today are nowhere near the extent the founders of this country had to make. But sacrifices will have to be made to put us back on track again.

There is some solace is knowing the hardest part is through and we happily survived. Times will get better, and why shouldn't we believe that? After all, we're Canadians.

Brad Hunter

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Members of the Bruce Trail Club take advantage of some early spring weather to take an early hike on the Bruce Trail and take pictures of some of nature's wonders.

Trailblazing Bruce Trail

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

Stepping off the trail to take a picture, I found myself lost in the bush, and yelled, "Where in the blue blazes am I?"

The answer came from 15 feet away. "If you're in blue blazes, you're on a side trail." I was supposed to be on a white blaze.

What in blazes was going on?

I was on the Bruce Trail, on Sunday afternoon, March 3. The temperature was about 40 degrees Fahreneheit, the sun was shining and I was warmly dressed.

The white blaze — or mark of the trail — marks the main trail, and the blue, a side route. The blaze is a paint splotch on a tree or post to show the way.

Go to Blazes Day is held in May when the hikers blaze the path and slash the overgrown bush.

The Bruce Trail which runs from Queenston, the southern end, to Tobermory on Georgian Bay, the northern end, stretches 430 miles along the Niagara Escarpment.

An afternoon hike in the bush surrounding the Bruce Trail is a pleasant way to spend a Saturday or Sunday afternoon if the weather is agreeable.

Paul Naray, 74-year-old publicist of Niagara'a Bruce Trail Club, said the Bruce Trail started in 1959 when a group of hikers from Stelco in Hamilton decided to look for different routes in Ontario. With the help of the provincial government, and using the ideally situated Niagara Escarpment, the Bruce Trail and the Bruce Trail Association were formed. But the trail did not grow much until it was proclaimed as Canada's Centennial Trail in 1967.

Mr. Naray read a newspaper article about the Bruce Trail and vowed to join when he retired. That was 4½ years ago.

Trail damage

The seven-kilometre walk for this Sunday afternoon was along the third Welland Canal and passed over the present canal. While looking at stumping posts used by boats to tie up to the third canal, Mr. Naray pointed out damage done to the trail by hunters and dirt bikers.

Pointing to a Bruce Trail sign, he said "That was a new sign last year, and it was replaced for the same reason as this one will have to be — the gun shot holes of the hunters."

The trail has other problems. "Dirt bikers use it in the muddy weather and leave ruts in the paths and gouge out the uphill parts of the path."

The Niagara club, which has about 350 members and hopes to reach 400 this summer, maintains the stretch of the trail from Queenston to Grimsby.

The president of the club is Martin Walsh, retired deputy-chief of the Niagara Regional Police. "He often spoke of how relaxing it was to walk the trail and to forget the problems which built up at work," Mr. Naray said.

Switching partners and strides, the group moved along the trail helping some young children and their parents across an overflowing creek.

"The Grimsby Lookout is great for watching the mating habits of the hawks," Arch Nordstrum, 52, a member for 14 months, said.

"The oxygen and the workout make one's body feel fit," Mr. Nordstrum said. "Look at the view from here, how often can you see the Skyway, the farms going to Lake Ontario and the CN Tower just by turning your head?"

The next morning I awoke to find that winter had returned. I was glad that I have taken my camera along to remind me of a pleasant hike.

They say that a picture tells a thousand stories. The next time I take a camera on the Bruce trail I have to remember to put film in it.

Letter to the Editor

Our athletics will improve

Dear Editor:

Re: March 4 Editorial, "Athletes go to U.S."

Having sired a "naive young jock" who several years ago received five invitations to major American colleges, I read with interest the referenced article.

The editorial writer quite accurately assessed the Canadian scene suggesting that even Canadian student athletes benefit from the American scholarship programs.

In my view, however, to infer that the federal government is delinquent by not funding a Canadian program is less than fair.

I wish to point out that American colleges and universities generate from within all funds for all athletic endeavors. Ohio State, of which I am most familiar, sells out their 88,000-seat football stadium year after year. Post season bowl games earn millions of dollars for the Big Ten Conference with the participating team receiving about 20 per cent.

The basketball facility known as St. Johns Arena, accommodates about 19,000 spectators and with a lengthy basketball schedule, results in a sizable operating surplus each year.

Football and basketball generate the funds for a most extensive male and female sports program, all of which operate from first rate facilities.

It should be noted as well that a very supportive alumni and a generous industrial community, together with active participation from the 60,000 student body, contribute significantly in a financial way.

Perhaps as the Canadian population increases in future generations, a comparable student athlete program will develop without burdening the government of the day.

Jack Spittle
Manager, Plant and Property

Focus on animal control

Protecting people and pets Humane Society's role

By DOUG GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Everyone has experienced the destructiveness of a stray dog or cat in their garbage or on their lawns, but few people take proper action to get rid of the problem – and call the Humane Society.

Frank Hampson, inspector and manager of the Humane Society at 78 Martindale Rd., St. Catharines, said the animal shelter serves about 2.5 million people in the five municipalities it deals with. They handle about 400,000 to 600,000 animals a year.

The Humane Society can be called upon to adopt pets, pick up stray animals wandering the streets causing trouble or handle cases of neglect and cruelty. Without their efforts at animal control, many dogs and cats would be running wild through neighborhoods.

With the advent of a new spring and warmer weather, the nine full-time and four part-time animal control officers become busy. "There are more animals allowed to roam the streets" by owners who don't realize the problems they are causing by neglecting their pets, Mr. Hampson, a 20-year Humane Society inspector, said.

'Animal police'

The "animal police" pick up about 50 stray dogs and cats per week during the spring months in their four service trucks. The winter months are usually slow going but recent warm spells have kept the workers busier than usual, he said.

Of all the calls the shelter receives from the public for help involving suspected neglect or cruelty cases, 75 per cent are dealt with in some manner by the animal control officer, whether it be verbal advice or criminal charges, a power Mr. Hampson has as inspector.

About 90 per cent of the calls the Humane Society deals with every day involve a wandering dog, which can be a potentially serious problem. The example of a dog following children into a schoolyard and biting a child out of excitement is a scene which commonly occurs when people let their pets roam the street, Mr. Hampson said.

He advises people having problems with strays or wildlife to call the Humane Society "no matter where they live." A service truck will be dispatched to deal with the animal immediately, he said. It's better to be safe than to risk injury to the animal or an innocent bystander.

Aside from the numerous local calls, it also deals with farm animals and visits fall fairs and horse shows to ensure that the animals are being treated properly, Mr. Hampson said. The Humane Society receives many small domestic animals, such as hamsters and rabbits, from people who just get "bored" with their pet.

One of the Humane Society's more frequent calls deals with an animal that has been hit by a car. Of all the animals hit, 50 per cent are put to sleep, 40 per cent are sent to a veterinarian and 10 per cent are reclaimed by their owner, who can often be guilty of neglect.

With that 50 per cent beyond help, the shelter must perform the task of putting an animal to sleep. Despite many misconceptions people may have, the animal is injected with a needle and painlessly falls to sleep.

Though the Humane Society handles the animals with extreme care and efficiency, the problem of spreading disease among the dogs and cats inside the shelter is a big problem, Mr. Hampson said.

A person who touches a diseased animal carries the germs around with him and any animal he touches will come down with the sickness. This chain effect can sometimes cause a large number of animals to become infected, he said.

It is hoped that a second Humane Society will be built about one kilometre down the road from the existing shelter later this year. This one will be larger, more advanced and will combat this spreading of disease by having the animals kept in glass enclosures so members of the public can't touch the animals, thus preventing the spread of any germs.

Anniversary

Martindale Road Humane Society celebrated its 58th anniversary on March 6. It has a capacity for 27 cats and 40 dogs but can accommodate more if the need presents itself, as it often does in the busy months from April to October, Mr. Hampson said.

Funding is obtained through adoption fees, contracts with the municipalities and through much-appreciated private donations. Though pet stores provide some "competition," Mr. Hampson said he finds people come to the Humane Society in search of a pet, a trend he hopes will continue.

So whether it's to buy a pet, to get rid of that pesky stray in the neighborhood or just to make sure no animal is being abused, the local Humane Society, just like the ever-present policeman, is there to help 24 hours a day.

Fund-raising to update city hospital

In conjunction with Operation Update, faculty and students will have a chance to participate in a fund-raising campaign designed to help Welland County General Hospital next month.

Foster Zanutto, director of information services, hopes everyone at the college will do their part to help the campaign attain its $3 million goal.

The week of April 8 to 12 has been declared Welland Hospital week. "I'm hoping that students will be involved in some way, through special activities to help raise money," Mr. Zanutto said.

Initiated in May, 1984, Operation Update is a challenge and an invitation to the people of the community to enable the hospital to keep in step with the latest advances in medical technology.

"Operation Update began last may which was bad timing for the college," Mr. Zanutto said. "We are generating the campaign now and I am extending my personal appeal to all staff and students to participate."

Mr. Zanutto is chairman of a college committee with representatives from all the schools, administration and SAC.

Microscope donated during open house

A $4,000 Nikon microscope donated to the Niagara College Horticultural Centre was presented in a ceremony Saturday.

The presentation was made at a wine and cheese party at the Horticultural Open House.

The microscope is part of a package of donations to the Horticulture division from the Cecil Delworth Foundation. Included is an RCA television unit to be used with the microscope, two $200 scholarships for deserving students and high intensity lights for the greenhouse.

"The TV will be used to transcribe for the students what's on the microscope," Peter Mansfield, program co-ordinator, said.

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Mr. Mansfield said the microscope will be used in courses in botany, taxonomy, and pests and diseases. The lights will be used to increase growing efficiency in the greenhouse.

Among those attending the ceremony were Niagara College president Jacqueliine Robarts, who will accept the donation; senior members of the college administration; horticultureal centre advisory committee members; directors of the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton; members of the Niagara Parks Commmission and faculty. Six students from first year and six from second will also attend.

"The gathering will act as a chance for the people attending to meet one another and to create better communication between those involved," Mr. Mansfield said.

The Cecil Delworth Foundation is affiliated with Flowers Canada, the nationwide arm of the floriculture industry.

Shocking reality silences 'toxic tour' observers

By JACKIE FOSTER
Staff Writer

Memories of the "ghost town" were embedded in their minds. The bus was filled with silence except for a few mumbled words of disbelief.

As the tour neared its end, many sat in bewilderment recalling the startling facts related to them.

It had been a totally different atmosphere when laughing and conversation had rung out two hours earlier as the group crossed over the river. This was an Environment Day tour, Saturday, March 9, and the buses were returning from a visit to six dumpsites including Love Canal.

The clear, sunny, once carefree day turned into a day filled with questions concerning the six toxic waste dumpsites visited.

Environment Day, organized by Al and Penny Oleksiuk, members of Canadians for a Clean Environment, was meant to bring public awareness to Niagara residents.

The story unravels; the facts are told.

- there are about 200 dumpsites in Erie and Niagara County that are within three miles of the Niagara River.
- there are five, questionable, dumpsites on the Canadian side, the closest being Atlas Steel Plant in Welland.
- of the six dumpsites visited, between 129,000 and 20,000 tons are buried at each site.
- the highest concentration of the worst "stuff" is buried in Hyde Park, one of the dumpsites.
- a handful of the chemical dioxin in Lake Ontario has environmentalists concerned.
- a shovelful could kill the Niagara River for 100 years.
- a ton of this chemical is buried at Hyde Park and is rapidly seeping into the bedrock of the Niagara gorge.

During the bus tour, passengers took a few minutes to walk the streets surrounding the Love Canal site. Realization of the closeness of this disaster area was drummed into the group as they looked on with pity at the stretch of abandoned homes encircling them.

The few comments summed up the feeling of the passengers. "You have to see it to believe it. It's scary." Another said it was like watching a movie.

Love Canal

The Love Canal, originally planned to be a canal used to bypass the Niagara River, was declared a disaster in 1978 and again in 1980. More than 500 families have been moved from the area leaving their homes behind, boarded up and left alone to face the environment.

Unsuspecting people passing by the six dumpsites, S Area, Hyde Park, Love Canal, Cecos landfill site, 102nd St. and the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Waste Water Treatment Plant, would see only a large mountain-like area or a wide open field covered with grass that could easily be mistaken for a park.

The areas looked so peaceful, almost tranquil. Who would ever have suspected that underneath, numerous toxic chemicals oozed into the Niagara River, into the supply of drinking water.

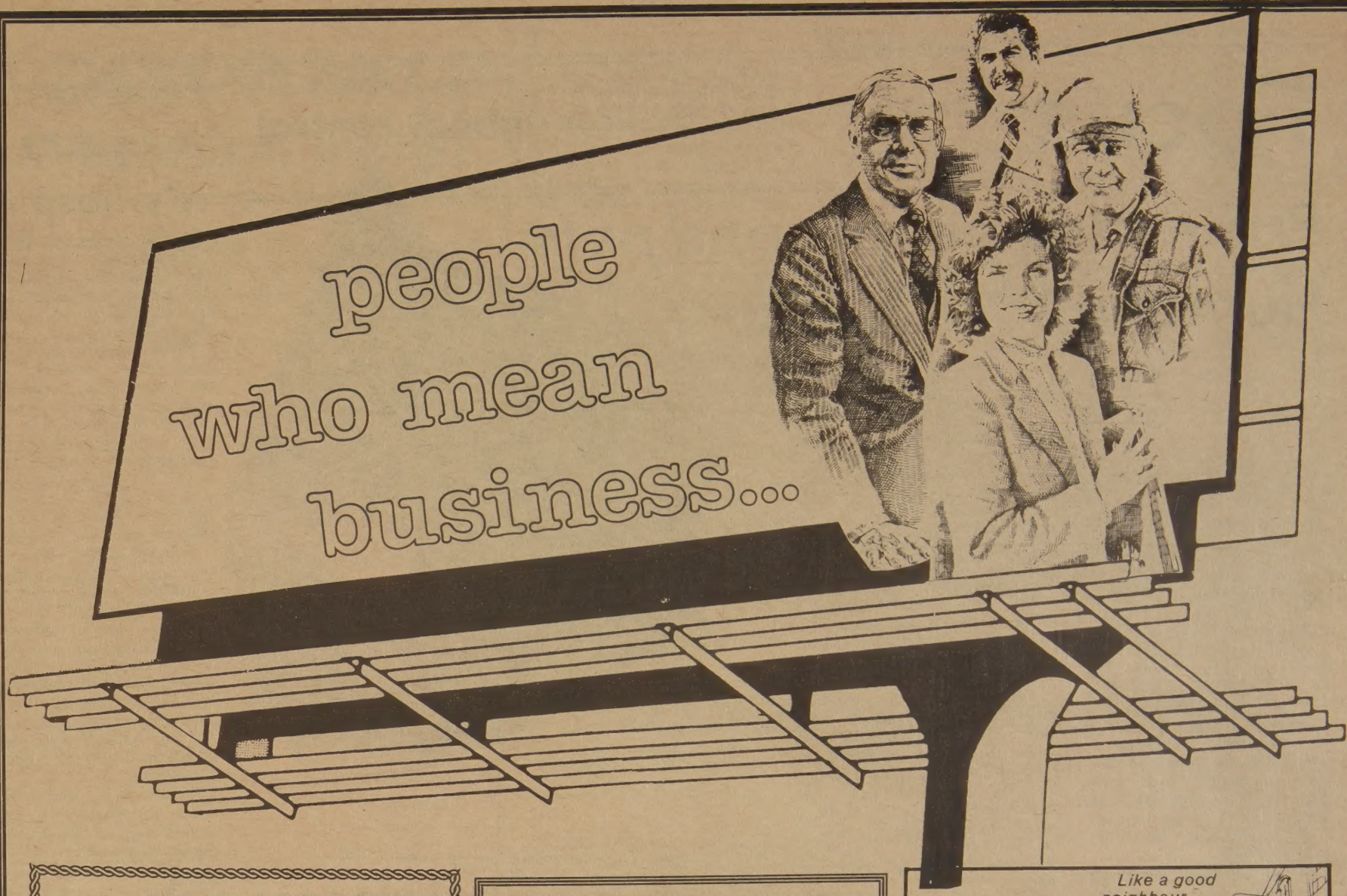
As I glanced backward at the Niagara River I felt the goal of Environment Day had been accomplished – public awareness, public response.

The public response was demonstrated later as passengers filed out of the bus into the Coronation Centre in Niagara Falls to listen and speak to a panel of politicians and environmentalists discussing the environment.

The panel members included Margherita Howe of Operation Clean Niagara; Niagara Falls MPP Vince Kerrio; Niagara Falls MP Rob Nicholson; NDP representative Dick Harrington; Phil Weller, co-ordinator of the Group of Fight, environment group; Al Oleksiuk of Canadians for a Clean Environment and Gary Willson of the OWMC.

Mr. Oleksiuk summed up the day when he said individuals have direct effect on decisions and those decisions will affect then right back. "If you do nothing – nothing will be done."

The bus passengers had their minds filled with fear, disblief, incomprehension at the realization that this disaster is just a river's width away.



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The Secret Police deja vu experience

By VALERIE SCOTT
Staff writer

After too long an absence of easily accessible beer and an even longer absence of catching The Police on tour, about 150 Niagara College students experienced a deja vu of sorts at the March 6 pub.

Suds were on sale for thirsty taste-buds and The Police's sound emanated from the stage in the form of the Secret Police, a copy band from Speed, Ont. — who were a far cry better live than their original counterparts who are in a hiatus.

Undaunted by playing second fiddle to the beer during their first set, The Secret Police gave it their all — 100-plus decibels of it throughout the evening.

A few equipment failures, which went almost unnoticed by the audience who were slower than molasses in showing enthusiasm, were handled with humor by the lead guitarist; "Well, we can forget about that tune since it was totally destroyed!"

Brad Milner on bass guitar and lead vocals caused some people to do a double-take check whether the band was on stage or a tape was playing because of his vocal inpersonation of Sting and Rush's Geddy Lee. Lead guitarist Richard, who prefers first name only, and percussionist Lance (Baby Face) Chalmers completed the Police sound with their instrumentation and back-up vocals.

Secret Police band members Richard, Lance Chalmers and Brad Milner got a small but enthusiastic Niagara College crowd rockin' with two solid sets March 6.

Photo by Jim Pomeiney

No time off

"Holidays make a band soft," Brad said. "For example, when Journey's Steve Perry starts a tour, his voice is only 40 per cent but by the time the tour is over, his voice is 100 per cent — practice makes perfect. That's why we constantly tour, to strive for that 100 per cent."

During their tour of the Maritimes, as series of calamities befell them. They were robbed twice of both equipment and personal belongings in Quebec. Fortunately, the Police — the real ones in blue — returned their equipment. Then, while in New Brunswick, their truck rolled. No one was hurt, but more than 50 per cent — about $20,000-worth — of their equipment was destroyed, Brad said.

Sticking together through events such as those could be their key to success. Brad and Richard have been playing together in various bands for about five years. Lance joined the band about two years ago, becoming a permanent member of the group after the last drummer was sacked because of "lazy, uncooperative behaviour."

Copy band

The Secret Police are an excellent copy band, but they realize that doing another band's material will not take them far.

"We use the Police as a vehicle," Richard said. "We do all our writing and recording in the daytime, and do the Police things at night."

They write

"Once they hear a tune on the radio, they go 'Oh yeah, that song's good' and then after hearing it a few more times, they're humming it."

So while both beer and The Police are inaccessible for an undetermined period of time, The Secret Police will still be touring the country hoping for that deja vu experience called stardom.

UB40 at Brock U.

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

The hottest tickets in town last Wednesday were for UB40, an English band which took a sell-out crowd by storm in the Brock University gym.

Outside the temperature was a few degrees above zero but inside the cavernous auditorium, the atmosphere was like a pressure cooker ready to blow from all the anticipation and growing excitement.

When UB40 hit the darkened stage, all noise was lost in thunderous applause and screaming cheers. For two hours the band did a string of hits that kept the crowd on the edge of their seats.

The band, from the poorer areas of Birmingham, got its name from the English unemployment form; band members were largely self-taught in their music.

They played cuts from most of their albums including Sweet Sensations, Madame Medusa, reggae star Bob Marley's Keep It Movin', and probably their most successful tune, Red, Red Wine, a song that received the best ovation from the enthusiastic crowd.

For two hours, UB40 entertained and delighted and when it was finished, the cheering audience wanted more. They clapped and pounded until hands were sore and the band returned for an encore.

Opening for UB40 was a band with a sound that only started to become popular on a large scale a few years ago — reggae. Pablo Moses and the Revolutionary Dream Band, a group of Rastifarians from Kingston, Jamaica, played for an hour and made everyone feel they were in the warm Caribbean.

Together with UB40, the boys from Kingston made it a fun night for all and, as the still energetic audience flowed out of the gym into the cold air, everyone felt a little warmer inside for having been there.

Inspector Hound full of surprises

By SPIRLEY LEFEVERND
Staff Writer

The Real Inspector Hound stepped gracefully over the distinct boundary between illusion and reality. The dress rehearsal audience at the Theatre Centre on March 13 was led, laughing, across to a world full of surprises.

Two newspaper theatre critics, played with expert fanaticism by Jim Hyslop as Mr. Birdboot and Fernando Santos as Mr. Moon, are seated with the audience. No out-dated theatrical convention is left unexplored in the play they watch.

Mr. Moon, who looked like a well-tailored punker with several credit cards, was determined to write his review even as he watched.

Mr. Birdfoot was an old-fashioned philanderer. He kept one spectacled eye roving over the ladies on stage, the other on his wife.

"There's something funny going on," Elizabeth Hines as Felicity Cunningham in a fetching little tennis outfit said. In the best late-night movie tradition, there was a chord of threatening music and a clap of thunder. A small puff of fake fog sneaked through the French doors on Terry Nicholls' imaginatively ordinary and slightly askew set.

Mario Fritos' precisely orchestrated sound effects underscored the comedy and added to the atmosphere of stale theatrical banality, reminiscent of Eugene Ionesco's The Bald Soprano.

Body found

There was a body on the floor of the drawing room at Muldoon Manor. It lay there unnoticed until one of the Inspector Hounds, played by Forbes Brown, arrived. He wore two small dinghies strapped to his rubber boots - pontoons to make his way through a swamp. His helmet had a flashing red light.

Jo Bennett as Lady Muldoon looked delectable and overplayed the role of a seductive beauty in a way which was a delight to watch.

"How long have you been a pedestrian?" Brian Cumberland as Magnus snarled from his wheelchair as he tried to run people over in a frantic caricature of Sunday drivers.

Magnus also supplied Canadian content for the play.

Adrian Muir deserves an Oscar for his portrayal of The Body in this marvellous spoof of a play directed by Valerie Crabove.

As Mr. Moon decided to say in his review, "This play comes down on the side of life."

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Niagara College Champions

Q: Who won at Trivial Pursuit? A: Team One

The Niagara College Trivial Pusuit champions. From the left, Todd Peguire, Dave Gibson, Mike Simoneau, team captain Bill Lefebvre and Dan Losier. They will compete at St. Clair College, Windsor, on March 22 and 23 for the Ontario Colleges championship and prizes of $4,000, $2,000 and $1,000.

Photo by Jim Dorriney

By SHIRLEY LEFEVREND
Staff Writer

Some of the questions were give-away simple: What does "P.S." at the end of a letter stand for? (Postscript).

Others were impossible to answer: How many points are awarded for each sheet in a Pennsylvania bed-making contest? (20).

Team 1 was the number one team in the Niagara College Trivial Pursuit contest. They had more right answers than the other five teams on March 12 in the Hamilton Room. They won $200.

Team captain Bill Lefebvre, chemical technology, will lead his men on to the Ontario championships at St. Clair College in Windsor on March 22 and 23. They are: Dave Gibson, chemical technology; Mike Simoneau, financial management; Dan Losier, air conditioning and refrigeration; and Todd Peguire, manufacturing engineering.

Hard practice

The team practised for hours "in the cafeteria, asking each other questions," Bill said. They used the Genus I edition of Trivial Pursuit. Sports was the team's weakest area. "We know general sports questions."

Team 1 started out with a steady stream of six correct answers in a row, prompting contest judge Jon Fast to remark that if one team managed to win the game before the others could play, "the other teams will still get a chance."

Team 1 was stopped in the first round with a baseball question.

At the end of the contest, Team 1 had answered nine questions in a row and time was running out. There was a sigh of relief when they could not name the sprinter whose record time was 9.1 seconds in 1967.

There were 10 minutes left in the game. It was the last chance for the other five teams. Players leaned forward, watching the die and the pies on the board and counting every varicolored space, alert to every move and facial expression. The spectators listened intently.

At 2 p.m. the contest was over. Team 1 was still number one.

Trivial Pursuit is as much a game of chance as it is skill-testing. A toss of the die has a great deal to do with the ease or difficulty of the questions. At one point, a spectator called for a shuffle of the cards when easy question after easy question brought groans from the audience, hard-pressed not to call out "True Grit," "Luxembourg," "One rouble."

It was a different matter when the question was, "Who was the first U.S. president born under the sign of Gemini?" (John Kennedy). Spectators were very quiet then. One player said, "Don't look at me," to his teammates.

For the most part the 20 or 30 spectators were quiet. There were subdued cheers, some booing and lots of groans for easy questions with wrong answers.

Bogged down

At one point Team 1 was bogged down, stymied by questions about Florida sand; Omar Bradley, "the soldier's soldier;" and the painter of Jack Pine, Tom Thomson. The other teams got a fighting chance.

While teams huddled in conference down on the floor, the audience were huddled in their own discussions. Jon Fast had to call for "Silence, please."

Team 1, to the despair of the other players, did not stay bogged down. Bill was a careful, deliberate player, a quiet captain who led his team steadily on to victory at Niagara College and the challenge of the Ontario Colleges Championship.

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Dracula

Kiss of death

By DEREK M. LACEY
Staff Writer

Light on the pathway grows increasingly weaker – shadows building. The gloomy darkness is drawn inwards, constricting the lane.

Purposeful steps quicken, just out of sight. A strange lapping sound echoes – but that's only in the movies!

Perhaps – but history says otherwise.

Yes, that's right. Even in this day and age, Dracula and his ancestors still roam the earth, sucking the very life-blood from those who dare step into the emptiness, without the right protection.

Old Dracula movies portray the villain dying with a stake through his heart, or melting, with sunlight upon him, in a pool of ancient flesh, and there's always the classic holy water. But there are others.

According to Romanian legend, if a vampire is not found and rendered harmless, it will first kill all members of its immediate family, then move on to murder the inhabitants of the village. Lastly, the vampire climbs into the church belfry where he calls out the names of any survivors, who are said to die instantly.

Thus, the importance of killing a vampire.

The first and foremost problem in killing a vampire is finding the grave where he sleeps during daylight hours – it's virtually impossible to kill one at night because of their explosive strength.

What's needed is a naked virgin – male or female – seated on a horse, which has to be of pure flesh. NOTE: It's important the horse is of solid color and has never stumbled.

With the rider seated, lead the horse through the graveyard. When the horse comes upon the vampire's grave, it is believed the horse will kick at the earth, revealing large openings just beneath the grass. The openings are the passages from which vampires come and go in their quest for blood.

Once the grave is located, it's just a matter of killing the vampire before he awakens.

For this not always simple task, a stake can be driven through the heart or navel – though it has to be made of a wild rose bush combined with an ash or aspen tree.

While the old stake or bar method is safer for vampire hunters, the most certain way to eliminate the vampire is to open his coffin and cut his head off, placing it between his legs. This ensures that there is no chance of regeneration or reattachment of limbs, which has been known to happen.

In some areas, it is believed the vampire rings the church bells and all who hear them die – also instantly.

Large black dogs, with an extra set of white eyes painted on them, have been known to scare off a few vampires, and running water is a problem for vampires.

The vampire's thirst for blood will drive him onto the path, but before he can taste the nectar he craves, he must pick up every seed or thorn. This task takes so long that the vampire must return to his grave – thwarted – before the dawn of a new day.

One last point – while night time is never safe for any traveller, St. Andrew's Eve (Nov. 30) is especially dangerous, as vampires meet each year in church-yards to discuss plans for the coming year – who will die and by whose teeth.

Pleasant dreams!

Trivial Pursuit finals this weekend

Temptation may assume ominous proportions at the inter-college Trivial Pursuit Championship in Windsor this weekend.

This first annual tournament is sponsored by Labatt's and, "There will probably be an endless supply of beer," Jon Fast, SAC vice-president of finance and overseer of Niagara's Trivia championship, said. The tournament will be at St. Clair College, Windsor.

Niagara's squad will consist of captain Bill Lefebvre, Dave Gibson, Mike Simoneau, Dan Losier and Todd Peguire.

The two-day event is to kick off competition at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Subsequent games will be played Saturday – round robin format. The final game will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the winner raking in $4,000.

The second place team will receive $2,000 and the third place, $1,000. Niagara's team received $200 from SAC and will get another $200 from Labatt's upon their arrival in Windsor.

Jon said about 15 to 20 colleges will test their trivia knowledge on a 16-foot by 16-foot replica board, constructed by St. Clair for the event.

Spaced between the games are scheduled pubs, one each day. In addition, St. Clair has an on-campus pub, similar to the one at Brock.

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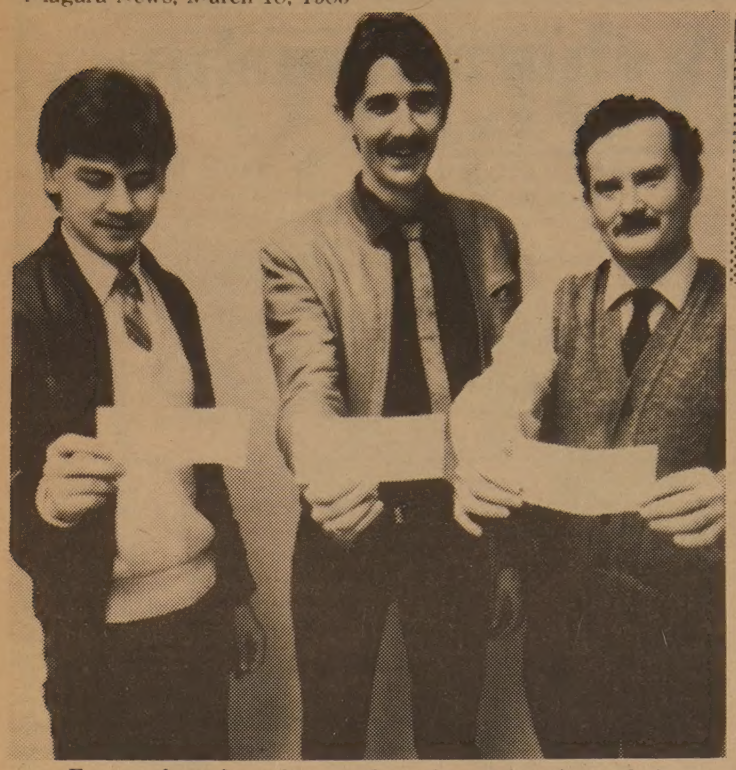


Four students from the manufacturing engineering technician program received the Forging Industry Education and Research Foundation awards. Marian Narbutt and Ben Bright, both first year students and Gary Berg, second year, won this year's award. Frank Jenkins, also second year, was absent.

Photo by Rene McKnight

Ambulance exhibits at Mall April 19-20

Organ donor programs, a CPR seminar and a free blood pressure clinic are some of the exhibits planned by ambulance and emergency care students for a display at the Seaway Mall next month.

Thirty-eight students from the program will organize and man the project scheduled for the weekend of April 19 and 20.

"We're doing this to promote public awareness of our course and ambulance service in the community," student Simon Drakeford said.

Included in the 10 exhibits will be a section focusing on the Niagara College program, as weel as the history of ambulance service, the proposed 911 emergency number and a comparison of Canadian and American ambulances.

Lunches give students valuable experience

Weekly lunches held at the Welland Vale campus give students in the Food and Beverage program valuable experience in the preparation and service of food, teacher Mary O'Laughlin says.

The 20 students involved in the 15-week program get "hands-on" experience serving full course meals at reasonable prices to guests in Welland Vale's third floor dining room.

Menus at the lunches vary from week to week and consist of a choice of appetizers, usually a soup or salad, a main course of either meat or fish with a variety of vegetable and potatoes, desert, and a beverage like milk, tea or coffee.

The food is delicious and cooked to perfection. Portions served by the polite, well dressed staff are surprisingly large, bigger than those available in some of the major restaurants.

The program, sponsored by the Canada Employment Centre, teaches students the many different ways to prepare for entry into the hospitality industry trained in food and beverage service, Mrs. O'Laughlin said.

Some of the topics students study in the program include mixology, foods, ethnic foods, wine, service and human relations. The topics are wide-ranging to cover the many facets of the industry.

Students are sent out on field placement at the conclusion of the program and are paid a training allowance by CEC so they can "assess the realities of their goals and determine their skills and suitability for employment in the field."

The cost of lunch is $4.75 including tax. The low cost of the generous portions is due to the fact the supplies are bought at cost Mrs. O'Laughlin said.

Lunches have been suspended temporarily because of the student's field placement, but will resume again March 28. Due to their popularity reservations are required and can be made by calling Welland Vale at extension 430.

Academic excellence earns students awards

Four students, who exemplify general academic excellence in the manufacturing engineering technicians program, received the Forging Industry Education and Research Foundation award last week.

Two first year students — Ben Bright and Marian Narbutt — and two second-year — Gary Berg and Frank Jenkins — won $200 each. The FIERF has sponsored the award for five years now. The foundation supports colleges and universities in Canada and the United States which teach their students about the forging industry and "Forging methods," George Campbell, manufacturing engineering technician instructor, said.

The money the foundation gives can be used in three ways, for cash prizes, new equipment for instruction assistance, or to upgrade teaching skills.

Students can only win the award one time, Mr. Campbell said. A student who gets the highest marks in both first and second year can win the award only once.

Venture program aids student entrepreneurs

Students who do not have a summer job but want to start their own business may be able to receive an interest-free loan of up to $2.000.

The loans, interest-free from April 1, to the repayment deadline of Oct. 1, 1985, are part of the Ontario Government's Ontario Youth Opportunities initiatives.

Students, who are 15 years and older and will be returning to school next year, may obtain an application for the Youth Venture Capital Program from counselling in the Tecumseh Building.

The application requires a detailed outline of the business, including expenses, expected income and many other details.

A written project description is required. Gord McPherson, a placement officer, said the application "would knock the socks off most people."

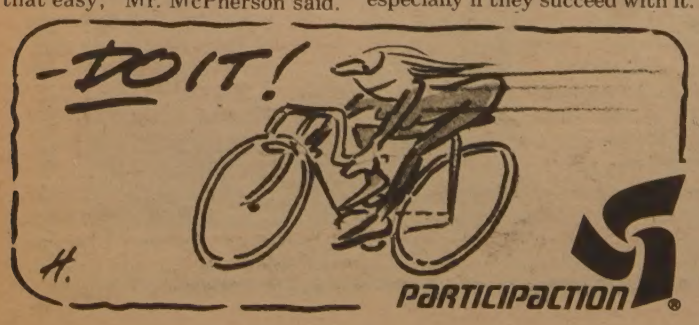
"It looks great, getting a couple thousand dollars to purchase materials, etc. etc. etc. but it isn't that easy," Mr. McPherson said. "It's a lot of work."

Last year more than 1,000 students received loans, with $2,000 the maximum . "Over 1,000 from possible high school, college and university students - not very good," Mr. McPherson said.

Some students have run bakeries, fruit stands, done painting, computer software designs and given windsurfing lessons. "I suspect in most cases it is a service-oriented thing," Mr. McPherson said.

There are risks involved. Students who do not repay the loan in full by the Oct. 1 deadline will not be eligible for OSAP, interest will be charged on the outstanding loan amount and they will be ineligible for any future Student Venture Capital loans.

Mr. McPherson said, "This is the kind of experience that could be a real bonus for a graduate — especially if they succeed with it."



Japanese exchange student bids tearful goodbye to Canada

By RENE McKNIGHT
Staff Writer

With tears streaming down her face, 18-year-old Takako Higashide said goodbye to a room full of Rotarians who had befriended her over the past year. Although she was excited about returning home, she did not want to think about her farewell. Life in Canada was more than she had dreamed it would be. It surpassed, in fact all of her expectations and left her dreaming of returning.

Taco, as she was nicknamed by her friends, had been in Ontario for eight months on a Rotary exchange program. Thursday she returned to her native land, Japan.

"I will always remember, and hope someday I will be able to return to Canada," she said at the March 8 meeting of the St. Catharines Rotary Club.

Although Japanese weather is similar to Canada's, it was colder than she had anticipated. Almost everything she saw and touched was different than she imagined it would be.

When she came to Canada last March, she could not speak enough English to understand even the slightest of conversations. By the time her eight months at Lakeport Secondary School in St. Catharines came to an end, she had mastered the language. At first, she wanted to return home, but as she came to understand English, she began to look forward to her days in Canada.

Last May, during a school assembly, Taco danced a traditional dance of the Japanese which she had learned when she was 12.

Fears disappear

Fears of adjusting to a different culture quickly disappeared when she met new friends and learned of Canadian customs. She discovered a lot of people had an outdated view of her homeland.

"Some people thought we still wore kimonos and lived in paper houses," she said.

Taco had some surprises in store when she came to Canada.

She will miss the freedoms which Canada offers. At her school in Japan, she had to wear a uniform, subjects are compulsory and entrance exams at universities are very hard , she said.

Taken by surprise

Canada's multiculturalism is something which took Taco by surprise. In Japan, everyone has the same color skin, hair and eyes whereas in Canada people look different and cultures don't attempt to assimilate.

Being a Rotary exchange student has helped Taco to overcome one of her biggest problems — shyness. In order to meet new people she had to become outgoing, although she does think the friendliness of the Canadian people helped her.

Taco plans to attend university in Japan where she will study business in which she can apply her English. Her biggest plans and dreams for the future are to return and live in Canada.

RTV student wins Serling voice contest

Barry Brisley, a radio and television student, was the first prize winner of the Rod Serling voice contest held March 12 by fashion arts students as a promotion for their fashion show.

The men auditioned in the fashion arts studio.

Mr. Brisley will be taken to lunch with second-year fashion arts students. His voice, as Rod Serling, will open the fashion show which is to be held March 26 in the Black Walnut Building, Welland campus, at 8 p.m.

Five second-year students were contest judges.

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Fanshawe Falcons take OCAA championship

An ecstatic Fanshawe Falcons bench erupts, signalling its second straight Ontario colleges Tier I women's basketball championship. The games, held at Niagara March 8 and 9, saw the Falcons beat Centennial 54-46 in the semi-finals and George Brown Huskies 55-39 in the championship game Saturday. The Falcons will represent Ontario at the Canadian championships in Saskatchewan March 26 to 30.

Photo by Thomas Stockwell

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

Using a combination of outside shooting and a strong inside defence, Fanshawe Falcons defeated George Brown Huskies 55-39 on Saturday, March 9, to win the OCAA women's Tier I basketball championship at Niagara College.

The teams met in the championship game with victory by Fanshawe over Centennial 54-46 and a George Brown 55-47 win over Mohawk. Mohawk defeated Centennial on Saturday night 57-36 to earn the bronze medal.

The game which sends the winner on to the Canadian championships in Saskatchewan March 26 to 30 started out cautiously by both teams before a spurt by Fanshawe sent them into a 21-9 lead with just more than six minutes to play in the first half.

NARROW GAP

Baskets by Saskia Vriend and Connie Josephs narrowed the gap to 23-15 with three minutes to play. After exchanging baskets, hoops by Theresa Colizza and two by Kim Davis left the score 31-17 Fanshawe at the half.

Fanshawe used the press to keep George Brown out of the middle during the first half and didn't allow George Brown to set up for their outside shooting which had carried the Huskies over Mohawk in the semi-final game.

The second half started out much the same as the first, with Fanshawe using their height advantage to control the offensive and defensive boards.

Fanshawe opened with two baskets and then exchanged a pair and kept up the pace and the tempo of the game, forcing George Brown to take some desperation shots from the outside.

Time and the press put on by Fanshawe were the opponents which George Brown was fighting as time was winding down.

With the score at 48-32 Fanshawe with 6½ minutes left the only thing to wait for was the clock to tick down, with the final score Fanshawe 55, George Brown 39.

"The difference in the game was intensity; every game we played this year we were more intense," Fanshawe coach Peter Campbell said.

"We took the inside away from George Brown and we had more size, but the Huskies weren't shooting well from outside," Mr. Campbell said.

"Although the team only had one league all-star, it gave us a little extra incentive to come in here and take the championship, the MVP and a tournament all-star," Mr. Campbell said.

Huskies coach Albert DaSilva agreed with Mr. Campbell. "They took the inside away and controlled the pace," he said. "Our shooting wasn't good or our passing either."

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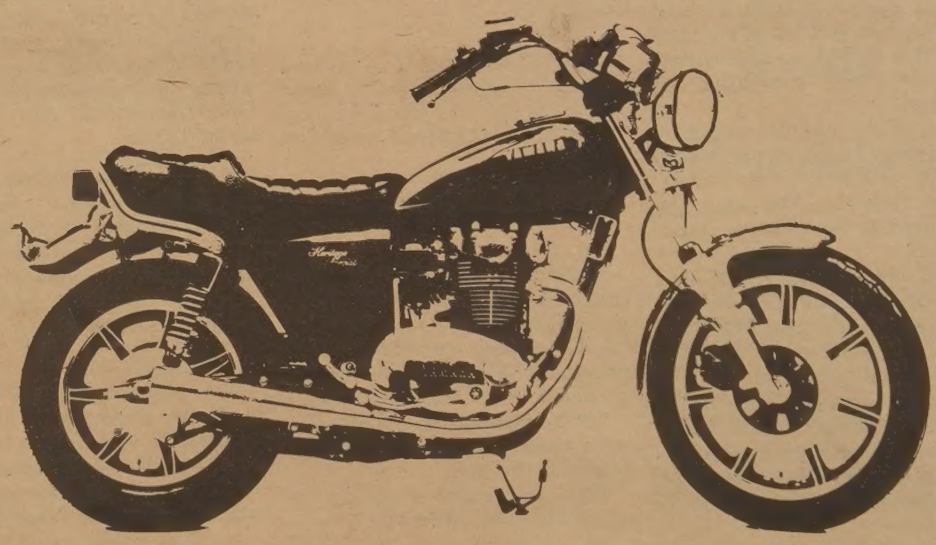

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Ex national basketballer stresses 'setting goals'

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

Although participation and sportsmanship are necessary in women's sports, perseverance, patience and persistence are necessary to attain the goals of life, Chris Critelli told the OCAA luncheon at Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls.

Niagara president Jacqueline Robarts told the top four Tier I basketball teams "it is very important to be in the "in" group and to be valued and cherished by friends and peers for contributions to special groups.

"You have to be a member of the team working in the best interests of all, to help others and so to help ourselves," Miss Robarts said.

"The four 'ins' are important to persons as athletes, as human beings, in family, school, or whatever," Miss Robarts said. The four ins - Informed, involved, have influence, and inspiring others - allow people to experience and be able to solve any problem, undertake different challenges, provide leadership and initiating changes.

"The greatest compliment we can give another is imitation," she said.

MIZETTE'S SISTER

Chris Critelli, 29, Brock University women's basketball coach and seven-year veteran on Canada's national basketball team, is the sister of Niagara coach Mizette Critelli.

"Once you have started to participate, the excellence and determination to reach your goals are important," she said. "You can get to the top without determination, but without it, you can't stay there."

"You can be an elite athlete, without swearing on the court or knocking down another player," Miss Critelli said. "You can be an elite athlete, very competetive, but not at the expense of another."

Miss Critelli also reflected on turning losses into gains. "There is a purpose in losing and you have to turn that loss into a gain," she said. Though a member of the national team, she was sent down to the junior national team. "I took being sent down to the junior nationals as a personal loss, but I said to myself, 'I can get more playing time down here and help other players at the same time."

Although not planning to make the team as a 17-year-old, Miss Critelli said that she would not be the last person in any competitions and ended up making the team.

FIVE GOALS

Speaking of the need to set goals for oneself, she said that in about 1977 the national team brought in a psychologist to ask for five accomplishments each player hoped to make before the 1980 Olympics.

She forgot all about it until the envelope arrived in the mail in September, after the 1980 Olympic boycott. Written down inside were: national team member, national champion, international medals, Olympic team and Olympic medals. She had attained all but one – the Olympic medal.

Miss Critelli was a member of the 1976 Olympic team, a national champion in Canada and in the United States, made the national team, and was a medal winner in international competition in Korea when the Canadian team tied for first place.

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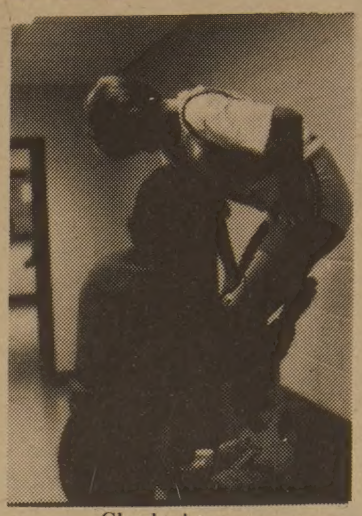
A winner for the Puskies



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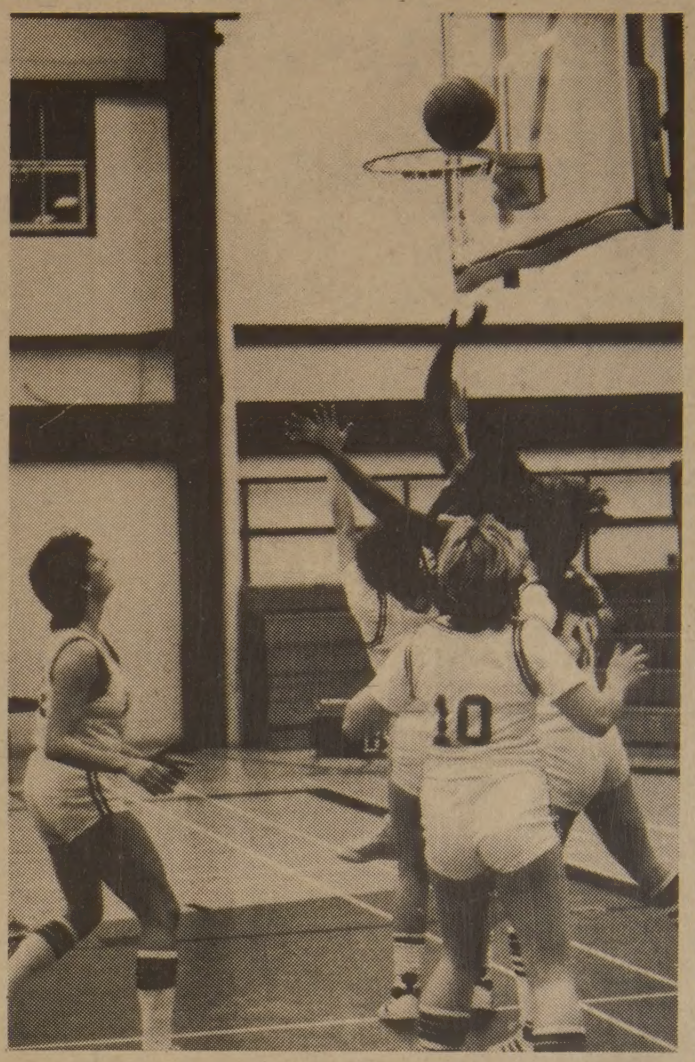
Wait 'till next year

The pause that refreshes

OCAA basketball

The OCAA Tier I women's basketball championship had the Niagara gymnasium bouncing March 8 and 9. A luncheon at the Skylon Tower started the festivities Friday at noon and the championship game Saturday saw Fanshawe Falcons victorious over the George Brown Puskies. Mohawk Mountaineers defeated Centennial Colts for the bronze medal. Photos by Derek M. Lacey and Thomas Stockwell



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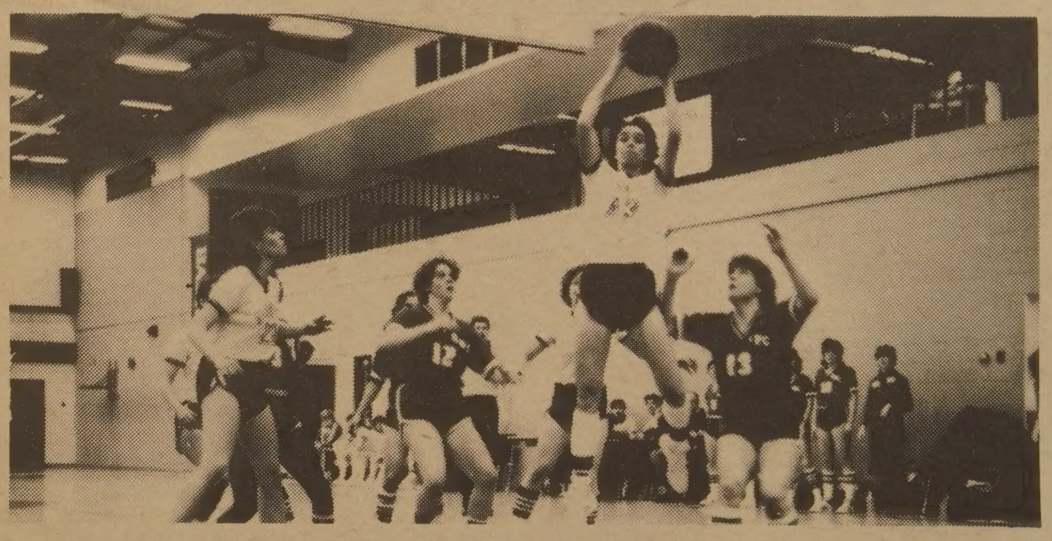
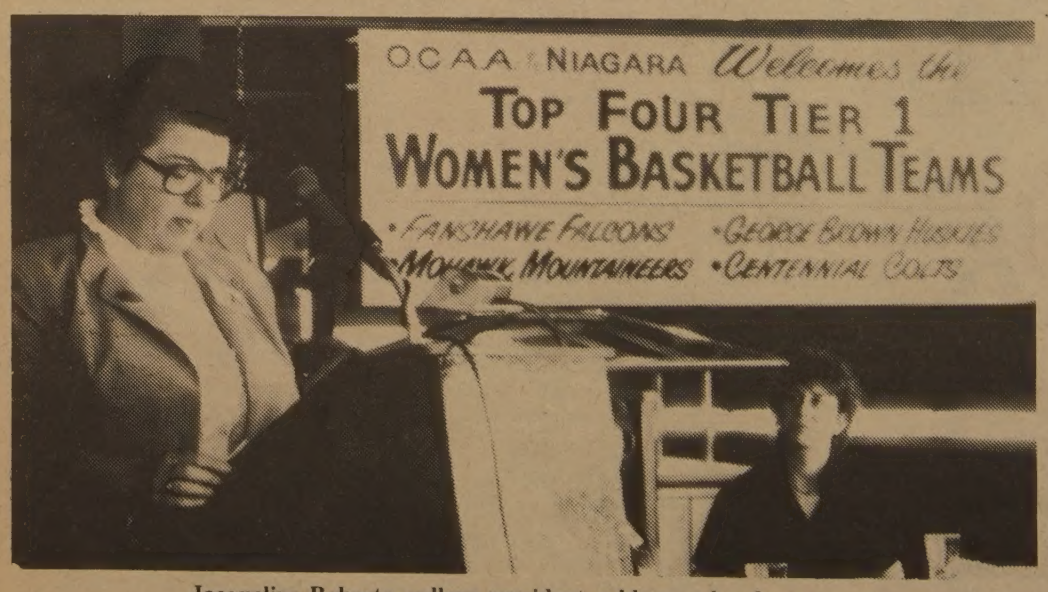


Rebound to Mohawk, but game to George Brown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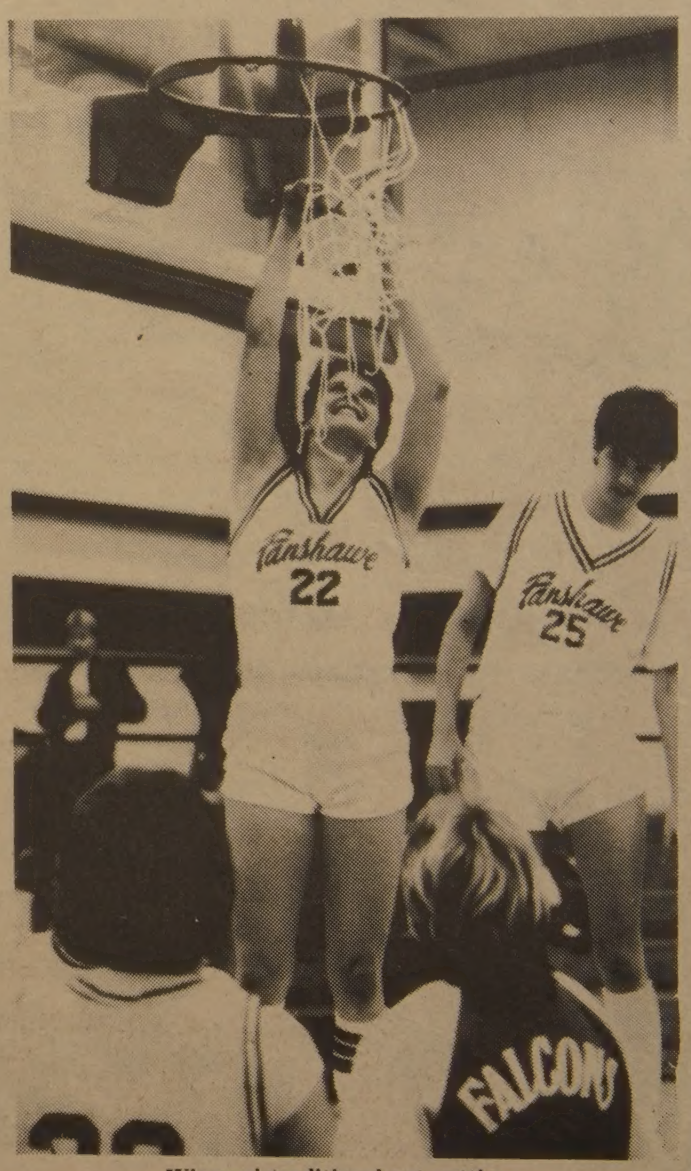
Jacqueline Robarts, college president, addresses luncheon.



Winners' traditional net cutting.

Knights' attempt too little, too late

By BRAD HUNTER
Staff Writer

BUFFALO N.Y. – The Niagara Knights men's hockey team made an unceremonious exit from the ICHL playoffs March 8, losing 6-3 to the University of Rochester in the semi-finals.

During the regular season the Knights defeated the same Rochester team twice by scores of 5-0 and 8-3, proving they were the better team.

The tournament, held at Buffalo State, was a single elimination event. Ironically, before the game, Niagara coach Fred Bassi complained the system "just wasn't good enough."

"There is no way they should have beaten us. Rochester didn't win the game; we lost it," Mr.Bassi said.

Rochester's Dan Leaverton scored the first goal of the game and Niagara played catch-up the remaining 47 minutes.

The Knights tied the game at one when Craig Smith sent a picture perfect pass to Scott Doan who in turn fired a slapshot and scored.

SET TEMPO

The first period set the tempo for the rest of the game; the Knights seemed confused with their game plan and the situation deteriorated as the game wore on.

"They didn't put the game together the way they should have," Mr.Bassi said. "The same thing happened when we tied Erie Community College and Niagara University."

The lone marker of the second frame came when Rocherster's Dave Levea scored on Niagara goalie Kevin Williams to put his club in the lead 2-1.

The oustanding incident of the second period occurred when Knight Mike Korolenchuk was speared by a Rochester player alongside the Niagara bench. Tempers briefly flared before the referees managed to defuse a situation they had created.

Throughout the game, Rochester players speared, butt-ended, and held their way to victory, with the apparent blessings of the officials.

STILL CHANCE

When the third period began, Niagara still stood an excellent chance of winning – for about two minutes. Rochester's Fred Campbell scored to give his team a 3-1 lead.

The Knights struck back just 10 seconds later when Dennis Iamarino, on a solo effort, scored to bring the Niagara squad again within striking distance.

But it was Rochester's game as Tony Solazzo and Rick Hurwitz both scored to put the game out of reach for Niagara.

Niagara's last goal was scored by Todd Sneider buy it was too little, too late; Rochester could already taste the champagne.

Mr. Bassi was thoroughly disappointed with the play of his troops. "We played poorly, we were too tight and flat. The players were over-confident."

"In terms of ability, this team ranks among the best I've had," Mr. Bassi said. But, "they can't rank as a great team because they didn't get to the finals."

In losing, as in winning, the Niagara squad and their coach showed class from beginning to end, and there is some consolation in that.

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Knights still winners despite loss

Although defeated in the semi-finals of the ICHL chanmpionship tournament, the Niagara Knights men's hockey team still won a number of awards.

By finishing in first place duing the regular season, the Knights were crowned regular season champions March 8 at a ceremony following their 6-3 loss to University of Rochestor. It was the third time in seven years the Knights have been champions.

Right wing Gary Kukoly was named a first-team All-Star and defenceman Can Hoffman and Gary McPonell were second-team All-Stars. Centre Craig Smith also was chosen for the second-team All-Stars.

Niagara Coach Fred Bassi was named Coach of the Year for leading the Knights to an 11-1-2 record. Mr. Bassi has been the Knights' boss for 15-years.

Bassi dislikes system

BUFFALO, N.Y. – Niagara Knights men's hockey coach Fred Bassi does not like the ICHL's playoff system and said so before his team was defeated 6-3 in a semi-final game by the University of Rochester March 8.

"I'm tired of the playoff system being like this," Mr. Bassi said. "I think just the top four teams should make the playoffs."

The playoff system is a rotating tournament with a one-game elimination. Each year the tournament moves from school to school; it was Buffalo State's turn this year.

The coach said two games and total goals is a better idea; that way each team has a home game.

Oops!

In our last issue, we incorrectly identified a picture of badminton coach Dave Carpenter as Mark D'Anna. We regret any inconvenience to Mr. Carpenter or Mark, and the Niagara News sports department wishes to congratulate Mark, Mr. Carpenter, and the entire badminton team on a successful year.

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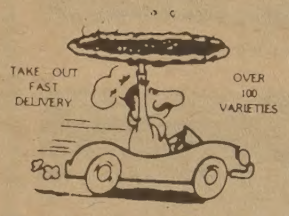

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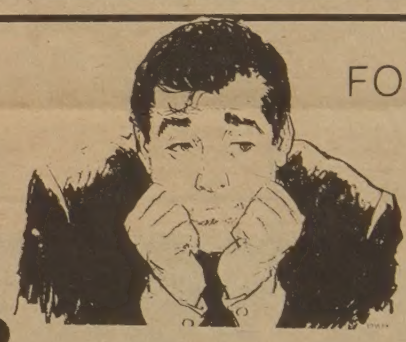

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